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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MEETING JANUARY 28, 1976

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1. GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MEETING CHAIRED BY UK CO-CHAIRMAN AND
ATTENDED BY ALL MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS HELD AT US MISSION JANUARY 28.
MEETING DEVOTED TO SINGLE ITEM: TO PROPOSE DATE AND DISCUSS AGENDA
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FOR 13TH CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING.

2. DATE: INITIALLY, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, AND FRANCE INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR MARCH-APRIL MEETING. BELGIUM SUGGESTED MAY. UK, CANADA, AND FRG, HOWEVER, STRUCK FOR JUNE AS EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE IN VIEW SEVERAL MEETINGS SECHEDULED PRIOR JUNE, IN PARTICULAR UNCTAD AND WHO. U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR MARCH-APRIL MEETING BUT INDICATED WILLINGNESS ACCEDE TO JUNE DATE (REFTEL A) IF CONSENSUS FOR JUNE. NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN AND FRANCE THEN EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS GO ALONG WITH JUNE DATE, ALONG WITH ITALY AND JAPAN.

3. DATE FINALLY PROPOSED FOR 13TH CL MEETING WAS TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29-30. SECOND CHOICE WAS TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY, JULY 6-7.

4. AGENDA: AGENDA DISCUSSION FOR 13TH CL CENTERED ON WHETHER CONTINUE WITH STANDARD AGENDA REVOLVING AROUND SPA BUDGET REVIEWS, ETC. (SWEDEN) OR SETTLE ON SINGLE SUBJECT SUCH AS PRUPOSES AND METHODS OF WORK OF GG, HOPEFULLY TO RESULT IN REDEFINITION AND STREAMLINING OF OBJECTIVES OF GENEVA GROUP IN ALL ASPECTS, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP QUESTION (UK), OR COMBINATION OF BOTH WITH PRIMARY FOCUS ON NEW LOOK AT GG (CANADA).

5. NETHERLANDS SUPPORTED COMBINATION AGENDA AND SUGGESTED FOLLOWING ITEMS: 1) ISSUE OF RESTRUCTURING OF UN, 2) REVIEW OF WORK OF INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, AND 3) REVIEW OF US-ILO ISSUE. NETHERLANDS PROPOSED US-ILO SUBJECT NOT NECESSARILY AS CL AGENDA ITEM BUT SUGGESTED DISCUSSING IT IN GG (ILO) MEETING PRIOR TO 13TH CL. MOST MEMBERS CONCURRED.

6. IN SUMMARY OF MEETING, UK CO-CHAIRMAN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:
A) CONSENSUS APPEARS TO BE FOR SINGLE AGENDA ITEM FOR 13TH CL: ANALYSIS OF FUTURE ROLE AND METHODS OF WORK OF GG, WITH SEVERAL SUB-HEADINGS, INCLUDING SOME ITEMS ENUMERATED IN REFTEL A.
B) GG CO-CHAIRMEN WILL DRAFT SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR PROPOSED JUNE CL DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS FOR CIRCULATION TO GG MEMBERS FOR EARLY COMMENTS BY CAPITALS.
C) ILO ITEM NOT TO BE MADE SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM FOR CL BUT TO BE TREATED AS PART OF LARGE GG MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATIONS UNDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OVERALL ANALYSIS OF ROLE OF GG.
D) CO-CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED INTEREST OF AUSTRIA IN BECOMING GG MEMBER (REFTEL B). FOR SAME REASON AS IN (C) ABOVE, IT WAS AGREED NOT TO PUT THIS ON CL AGENDA AS SEPARATE ITEM BUT AS PART OF OVERALL MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION.
E) NO DATE SET FOR NEXT GG GENERAL MEETING BUT AGREED GG MIGHT HAVE TO GET TOGETHER ON AD HOC BASIS, POSSIBLY EARLY APRIL, TO DISCUSS FURTHER AGENDA FOR 13TH CL.DALE

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